

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A stack, comprising:
 - an impermeable metal structure,
 - at least one first metal fiber layer, and
 - at least one second metal fiber layer,
 - said first metal fiber layer being sintered to a first side of said impermeable metal structure,
 - said second metal fiber layer being sintered to another side of said first metal fiber layer opposite to the impermeable metal structure,
 - wherein a planar air permeability of said stack is more than 0.02 l/min*cm,
 - wherein a porosity of said second metal fiber layer is less than 80%.
2. (Previously Presented) A stack as in claim 1, said stack further comprising another first metal fiber layer sintered to a second side of said impermeable metal structure and another second metal fiber layer sintered to the another first metal fiber layer on a side opposite to the impermeable metal structure.
3. (Currently Amended) A stack, comprising: as in claim 1,
 - an impermeable metal structure,
 - at least one first metal fiber layer, and
 - at least one second metal fiber layer,
 - said first metal fiber layer being sintered to a first side of said impermeable metal structure,
 - said second metal fiber layer being sintered to another side of said first metal fiber layer opposite to the impermeable metal structure,
 - wherein a planar air permeability of said stack is more than 0.02 l/min*cm,
 - wherein a porosity of said second metal fiber layer is less than 80%,
 - said first metal fiber layer having a porosity of more than 80%.

4. (Previously Presented) A stack as in claim 1, said second metal fiber layer having a perpendicular air permeability of less than $200 \text{ l/min} \cdot \text{dm}^2$.
5. (Previously Presented) A stack as in claim 1, said first metal fiber layer comprising fibers with equivalent diameter of more than $20 \mu\text{m}$.
6. (Previously Presented) A stack as in claim 1, said second metal fiber layer comprising fibers with equivalent diameter of less than $30 \mu\text{m}$.
7. (Previously Presented) A stack as in claim 1, said first metal fiber layer having a thickness of more than 0.5 mm .
8. (Previously Presented) A stack as in claim 1, said second metal fiber layer having a thickness of less than 0.2 mm .
9. (Previously Presented) A stack as in claim 1, said stack having a transversal electric resistance less than $30 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ Ohm}$.
10. (Previously Presented) A stack as in claim 1, said impermeable metal structure being a metal plate.
11. (Previously Presented) A stack as in claim 1, said impermeable metal structure being a metal foil.
12. (Previously Presented) A stack as in claim 1, wherein metal fibers of the first and second metal fiber layers are stainless steel fibers.
13. (Previously Presented) A stack as in claim 1, wherein metal fibers of the first and second metal fiber layers are Ni-fibers or Ni alloy fibers.
14. (Previously Presented) A stack as in claim 1, wherein metal fibers of the first and second metal fiber layers are Ti-fibers.
15. (Previously Presented) A stack as in claim 1, wherein metal fibers of the first and second metal fiber layers are a same alloy of said impermeable metal structure.

16. (Previously Presented) A fuel cell, comprising a plurality of stacks as in claim 1.
17. (Previously Presented) An electrolyser, comprising a plurality of stacks as in claim 1.
18. (Canceled)
19. (Previously Presented) A stack as in claim 1, wherein a porosity of the first metal fiber layer is greater than the porosity of the second metal fiber layer.
20. (Previously Presented) A stack as in claim 19, wherein the porosity of the first metal fiber layer is more than 10% greater than the porosity of the second metal fiber layer.